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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST:HONDA MOTOR CO., LTD.

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ANTITRUST DIVISION, THAT IT HAS QUOTE OPENED A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INTO POSSIBLE ANTICOMPETITIVE ASPECTS OF THE BUSINESS RELATIONS BETWEEN HONDA MOTOR COL, LTD. OF JAPAN, AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO. OF THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCHISED AMERICAN DEALERS OF MOTORCYCLES MANUFACTURED IN JAPAN BY HONDA MOTOR CO., LTD. THE POSSIBLE ANTICOMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES INVOLVE EFFORTS BY HONDA TO RESTRAIN PUR-
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CHASES OF CERTAIN MOTORCYCLE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES BY HONDA DEALERS FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN HONDA.

2. QUOTE PURSUANT TO THIS INVESTIGATION, THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO GATHER INFORMATION FROM VARIOUS DOMESTIC MOTORCYCLE DEALERS AND MOTORCYCLE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS. NO CONTACT WITH EITHER AMERICAN

HONDA OR HONDA MOTOR IN JAPAN IS CONTEMPLATED AT THIS TIME.
IF THE INFORMATION GATHERED FROM THE DOMESTIC SOURCES MENTIONED ABOVE IS SUCH THAT FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS REQUIRED, SOME FORM OF REQUEST FOR INFORMATION WILL LIKELY BE SENT TO AMERICAN HONDA OR HONDA MOTOR. UNQUOTE.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION SECTION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THIS ACTION PURSUANT TO THE 1967 OECD RECOMMENDATION ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES AND REPORT ANY REACTION. VANCE

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